

## FACTORS TO CONSIDER HANDOUT

UNIT 7: Exploring the Right Postsecondary Fit

ACTIVITY 2: Factors to Consider

GRADE: 8

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### Postsecondary Factors to Consider

Note: These are averages for the factors and vary considerably across colleges

#### Number of Years to Graduate

Technical Colleges: 2 months to 2 years

Community Colleges: 2 years

Liberal Arts Colleges: 4 years

Research Universities: 4 years

#### Average Salary after Graduation

Technical Colleges: Medium

Community Colleges: Medium

Private Colleges: Medium/High

Public Universities: Medium/High

#### Size of School

Technical Colleges: Small/Medium

Community Colleges: Small/Medium

Private Colleges: Small

Public Universities: Medium/Large

#### Choices of Classes and Majors

Technical Colleges: Small/Medium

Community Colleges: Small/Medium

Private Colleges: Small/Medium

Public Universities: Medium/Large

#### Cost

Technical Colleges: Low

Community Colleges: Low

Private Colleges: High (may have more scholarships)

Public Universities: Medium

#### Teaching Assistants Teaching Class

Technical Colleges: Low (more adjunct)

Community Colleges: Low (more adjunct)

Private Colleges: Low

Public Universities: Medium

#### Location of School

Technical Colleges: Urban/Suburban/Rural

Community Colleges: Urban/Suburban/Rural

Private Colleges: Urban/Suburban/Rural

Public Universities: Urban/Suburban/Rural

#### Size of Classes

Technical Colleges: Low/Medium

Community Colleges: Low/Medium

Private Colleges: Low

Public Universities: Medium/High

#### Difficulty to Get Admitted (GPA and ACT Score)

Technical Colleges: Low

Community Colleges: Low

Private Colleges: Medium/High

Public Universities: Medium/High

#### Research Studies

Technical Colleges: Low

Community Colleges: Low

Private Colleges: Low/Medium

Public Universities: Medium/High

#### Extracurricular Activities

Technical Colleges: Low/Medium

Community Colleges: Low/Medium

Private Colleges: Medium

Public Universities: Medium/High

#### First-Year Students Live on Campus

Technical Colleges: Low

Community Colleges: Low

Private Colleges: High

Public Universities: High